

Animal and Vermin Control  
 Outdoor Learning Environment and  
 Premises  
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Animal and Vermin Control  
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- Vaccination records available for animals on the premises
- Any animals kept as pets shall be examined by a Veterinarian
- Animals belonging to child care owners, employees, volunteers, visitors, and children shall not be allowed in child care centers or on the premises unless the requirements are met.




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Told for the truth!

.2831(a)Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians are not allowed to be kept as pets on the premises.



I was told that this alligator was found near a child care center in South Carolina. The kids were feeding it.

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Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians...

- In 2015 and 2016, more than 202 people were sickened in several nationwide salmonella outbreaks linked to small turtles.
- 41% of patients were children younger than 5 years.
- Some people in these outbreaks became sick even when they did not touch the turtles, but had turtles in their households.



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Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians...

From 2006 to 2014, CDC investigated 15 multistate *Salmonella* outbreaks linked to turtles

- 921 people were sickened
- 156 were hospitalized
- an infant died



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Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians...

In 2011, CDC investigated an outbreak linked to African dwarf frogs

- 241 people were sickened
- 69% were younger than 10 years.




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Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians...

 <p>Most, if not all, reptiles carry <b>Salmonella</b> in their intestinal tract and intermittently or continuously shed these bacteria in their feces.</p>	 <p>Studies have shown that 85% of all turtles, 77% of lizards, and 92% of snakes carry one of the <b>500</b> serotypes of <b>Salmonella</b>.</p>	 <p><b>Salmonella</b> usually do not cause any illness in reptiles, but can cause serious illness in people. (Petco)</p>
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Turtles, iguanas, frogs, salamanders, and other reptiles or amphibians...

- Pregnant women, children, elderly or frail adults, or immunosuppressed people are particularly at risk of infection or serious complications of salmonellosis. At a minimum, they need to take extra precautions; ideally, they should avoid contact with reptiles. (Petco)

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Insects, Rodents and other Vermin

What have you heard?

- I've never seen one before.
- We clean that everyday.
- We've had problems ever since the flood.
- They come from next door.
- I think they (pest control company) are spraying water.
- I've done everything.

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Effective measures... .2831(b)

- Cleaning is essential in preventing pests
- Caulking cracks and gaps
- Containing food
- Reducing clutter
- Maintaining buildings to control entry of pests
- Maintaining Waste areas
- Self inspections

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### Structural Control for Pests

- Structural improvements will not eliminate pests, but can control the entry of pests!
- Suggest improvements during inspections
- Encourage facility self inspections and communication with staff

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### Supplies are readily available

- Caulking
- Expanding foam insulation/sealer
- Window/door screen
- ¼ inch Hardware Cloth



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### Structural controls for pests

Weep holes in masonry are to allow an outlet for moisture.



Do not seal them! Screen them!

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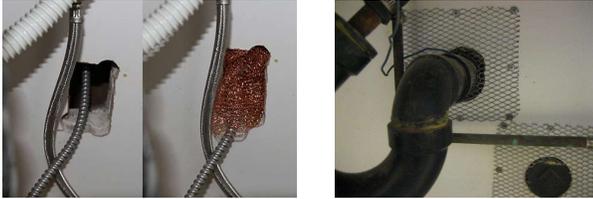
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### Structural controls for pests



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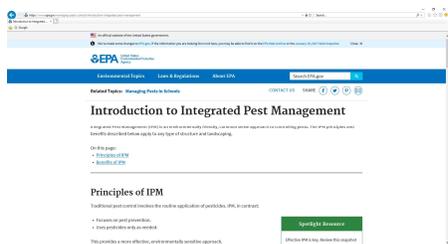
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### More information available from...



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Pesticides... .2831(c) and (d)

- In food preparation areas only fly traps, pyrethrin based insecticides or a fly swatter shall be used for extermination of flying insects
- Insecticides shall not come in contact ...
- Pesticides shall be used in accordance with the directions on the label and shall be stored in a locked storage room or cabinet separate from foods and medications.
- Pesticides shall not be applied or used while children are present in the area.

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Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) pressure-treated wood .2831 (e), (f), and (g)

- Decks, fences, playground equipment and other products constructed or installed after September 1, 2006 shall not be made from CCA wood.
- CCA wood install prior to January 1, 2005 or where EPA allows CCA shall be sealed using oil based semi-transparent sealant, oil-based clear stain or water based clear stain applied at least once every two years.
- Soil under CCA wood shall be removed and replaced with similar material or made inaccessible at the time of initial sealant application or whenever more than 2 years has passed since sealant application.

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For more information on CCA

- There is an interagency (CPSC, EPA and others) consumer awareness brochure called CCA-Pressure Treated Wood. It is CPSC publication 270.
- [https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/270\\_0.pdf](https://www.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/270_0.pdf)
- CCA form is available on the CEH website

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Treated wood tag

In this case EL2 is the preservative name code for DCOI-Imidicloprid-Stabilizer. Not CCA.



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Any composting....2831(h)

- ...areas shall be covered and maintained to prevent attracting rodents and vermin. Worm bins shall be covered.

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...vegetation shall be maintained... .2831(i)

Grass, fruit and vegetable gardens, vines on fences, and other vegetation shall be maintained in a manner which does not encourage the harborage of vermin.



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2832(a) ...the  
premises...

What does this play  
ground have going  
for it?



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2832(a) ...the premises...

It appears to be:

- Clean
- drained to minimize standing water
- free of litter
- Maintained to minimize the Harborage of vermin



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But...take a walk around the playground:

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From there you can't see:

- what's in the shade of the trees
- What's outside the gate to the right
- broken or damaged equipment
- Fencing condition
- Storage shed/room?
- Dead limbs hanging from the trees
- If the structure with the roof is a sandbox



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.2832(c)(1) Equipment  
...in good repair...

- Sharp edges caused by wear, breaks, cracks
- Paint condition, rust and other damage on play equipment
- Toys that need cleaning



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...Wells, grease traps, cisterns and utility equipment shall be made inaccessible to children..2832(a)



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...inaccessible to children. .2832(a)



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Black widows may not have the characteristic red hour glass.



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Why cover a sandbox?  
.2832(c)(2)



The sandbox used in outdoor play shall be constructed to allow for drainage and shall be covered when not in use and kept clean.



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Water features/toys holding water .2832(b)

Sand toys, water tables and other items that can collect standing water in the outdoor learning environment shall be emptied and stored to prevent standing water.



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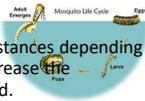
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Water features/toys holding water .2832(b)

• The life cycle typically takes two weeks, but depending on conditions, it can range from 4 days to as long as a month.



• Mosquitos can travel long distances depending on the species, but don't increase the population on the playground.

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Other concerns:

- Ours? We shouldn't ignore hazards. Document with a comment on the comment addendum. Call DCDEE consultant if needed.




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.2832(d) If a daily air quality forecast is made by the Division of Air Quality...

for the county where a center is located, outdoor activities (noon-8PM) shall be restricted as follows.

- Code orange-limit activity to 1 hour.
- Code red-limit activity to 15 minutes.
- Code purple-no physical activity.
- Provisions shall be made to allow children with diagnosed asthma or with coughing or wheezing symptoms to participate in physical activity indoors on these days.

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.2832(d) If a daily air quality forecast is made by the Division of Air Quality...




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How do I get to that web site?

- Google NC air quality
- <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality> and from the main banner choose “what’s in the air today?”

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.2832(e) When food service is provided in the outdoor learning environment...

- It shall comply with all the food rules...
- Food service tables shall be cleaned or covered prior to use
- Handwashing shall comply with handwashing rule.
  - .2803(a)...except for diapering, food preparation and foodservice, hand sanitizing products may be used in lieu of handwashing...
  - .2803(b)...Except for diapering and before eating meals and snacks, hand sanitizing products may be used in lieu of handwashing

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.2832(f) When diapering and toiling facilities are provided in the outdoor learning environment...

- they shall meet all the diapering and toileting rules.
- They shall meet the handwashing requirements
  - For diapering hand sanitizing products are not allowed
  - Toileting and hand sanitizers? Plan review.

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.2832(g) Storage provided outdoors for children's toys...

- Shall be kept clean
- Storage areas assessable to children shall be free of hazardous equipment and substances as in .2820
- Meet requirements for lighting
- Keep an eye out for spiders

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What meets the requirements for lighting?

- Lighting for storage areas shall be 10 foot candles
- How?...opening door , windows, sky lights, battery operated light, flashlight or electric lighting.

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Outdoor water activity centers... .2832(h)

This looks pretty. They can build it themselves.



But, who wants to clean under this table? What's under there after 2 months?

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Outdoor water activity centers...

- Promote items that are easy to maintain and clean.



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